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SUBJ: RED FLAG ON KEEPING THE MASSES IN THE MOVEMENT

1. RED FLAG (NO. 10) IN AN ARTICLE UPHOLDING THE PRINCIPLE OF MASS INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS PROVIDES NO CALLS FOR MASS ACTIVITISM OR DEFINITION TO WHAT DIRECTION THIS WILL TAKE IN THE CURRENT MOVEMENT. AUTHORITATIVELY LINKING THE PRESENT MOVEMENT TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS AS A CONTINUATION OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION (CR), THE ARTICLE EXCERPTED, IN NCNA ENGLISH (OCTOBER 19), IDENTIFIES THE CR'S AROUSING AND INVOLVING OF THE MASSES AS THE UNIQUE NEW FEATURE.

2. RED FLAG AMBIGUOUSLY APPLAUDS THE "NEW THINGS" AND "BIG VICTORIES" OF THE CURRENT MOVEMENT BUT OFFERS NO GUIDELINES FOR THE MOVEMENT'S CONTINUATION "FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME" INTO THE FUTURE. THE ARTICLE CONTINUES TO DEFINE THE MOVEMENT AS AN IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL STRUGGLE IN THE SUPER-

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STRUCTURE BUT OMITS RED FLAG'S AUGUST DICT7M THAT IT IS ALSO A

MOVEMENT "TO STUDY MARXISM" (REF B).

3. COMMENT. AS A GUIDE TO THE CADRE, THIS -RTICLE IS NO MORE ILLUMINATING ON THE CURRENT LINE THAN RED FLAG'S PIECE ON "TWISTS AND TURNS" IN HISTORY (REF A). AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS EMPHASIS ON MAINTAINING PRINCIPLES, THE AFFIRMATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF MASS INVOLVEMENT WITHOUT ANY CALL FOR MARCHING IN THE STREETS APPEARS AS A CONTINUATION OF EARLIER CONCERN THAT THE MOVEMENT NOT BE ALLOWED TO GET OUT OF HAND, YET IT GIVES NO INDICATION OF WHAT IS TO BE DONE. AS ANOTHER EFFORT TO REASSURE THE LOWER LEVELS WHILE THE QUESTION OF FUTURE DIRECTIONS IS BEING WORKED OUT AT THE TOP, THE CAUTIONARY APPROACH AND LACK OF INSTRUCTION WILL PROBABLY BE OF LITTLE SOLACE TO THE CADRE.  
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